

Religious Notice.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.—CHRIST JESUS. (John v., 24; viii., 51.)

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—PAUL. (I. Corinthians xv., 26; Romans vi., 23.)

Life is real, and death is the illusion.

Birth, decay, and death arise from the material sense of things, not from the spiritual.

Sin brought death, and death will disappear with the disappearance of sin.

death must be overcome, not submitted to, before immortality appears.—MARY BAKER EDDY. (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, pp. 428, 544, 426, 76.)

NEW YORK CITY

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, July 13, 1921.
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Stetson:—

In the New York Herald I have read the following notice:

EDDY CENTENARY, JULY 16.

The centenary of the birth of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Scientist Church, will be celebrated Saturday, July 16, at her birthplace, Bow, near Concord, N. H. Christian Scientists from many parts of the country will make pilgrimages to her grave and observances will be held in Christian Science Churches.

I have been striving to gain an understanding of Christian Science for four years. In my study of the Bible and the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, I have learned that spiritualization of thought is necessary to give us an understanding of the Science of being, which will enable us to obtain health and happiness and finally, to demonstrate over death. This notice in the Herald, and which I have also observed in the New York World, of a celebration commemorating Mrs. Eddy's "birth" and the making of pilgrimages to her "grave," has so startled me, with what is to me a contradiction of Mrs. Eddy's teaching, that I turn to you, almost in despair, and beg you will not consider me presumptuous in asking you to tell me what this reversal of Mrs. Eddy's teaching means? Does not Mrs. Eddy teach that we should not admit material birthdays as real, since they are but the commemoration of the product of the carnal mind? In reference to a commemoration of her "birthday" by the dedication of the Concord Church, she asks, "... why this meaningless commemoration of birthdays, since there are none?" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 235.)

Does not Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures instruct us that material birth and death are but phases of mortal belief, and have nothing to do with the reality of being? If so, why do Christian Scientists go to a "grave?"

Having read your published sermons and articles, I turn to you with a hope that you can enlighten me upon this strange contradiction of the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy. There must be thousands who will be shocked, as I was, at this incredible announcement.

I am spending a few weeks in New York. My home is in a Southern city and there are quite a number of my friends who are becoming interested in the study of Christian Science. I know they will be confused, as I am, at this announcement. Am I asking too great a favor, dear Mrs. Stetson, in requesting you to reply? Believe me to be.

An earnest seeker for Truth,
F. M. PITTS.

To "An Earnest Seeker for Truth":—

THE notice in THE NEW YORK HERALD, to which you refer, seems to have aroused many "earnest seekers for Truth," who are turning to me, pleading for an explanation of this strange announcement, which, as you say, they consider a "contradiction of the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy."

It is impossible for me to send an individual answer to these letters, or to give my time to personal inquirers; therefore I reply, through the columns of the press, to the multitude who are questioning the possibilities of man when governed by God, as taught by the Galilean prophet, Christ Jesus, the demonstrator of man's eternal oneness with his creator, and who proved the dream of death to be an illusion. I will give you my understanding of Christian Science, as taught and demonstrated by Christ Jesus, and in this age discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy. In Unity of Good, page 38, Mrs. Eddy says: "Death is a contradiction of Life, or God," and in Science and Health she declares that "man is not material; he is spiritual." (p. 468.)

The records of "birth" and "death" belong to the early stage of human experience, in the material organization. Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, wisely guided her students in their emergence from the material to the spiritual sense of God, man, and the uni-

verse. Let our Leader be heard in this hour:

It is well to know, dear reader, that our material, mortal history is but the record of dreams, not of man's real existence, and the dream has no place in the Science of being. The human history needs to be revised, and the material record expunged. (Retrospection and Introspection, p. 21.)

The material sense of God, man, and the universe must be replaced by spiritual sense, to reveal God and His man, idea, or child. The attainment of spiritual sense enables the student of Christian Science to understand and demonstrate the Science of Life and the possibilities, with which God endowed man, to whom He gave "dominion," as executor of His eternal law of Life and Love. Jesus said to his disciples:

I and my Father are one. Father... that they may be one, as we are. (John x., 30; xvii., 11.)

Our revered Leader says:

The meek Nazarene's steadfast and true knowledge of preexistence, of the nature and inseparability of God and man,—made him mighty.

The Scriptures declare Life to be the infinite I AM,—not a dweller in matter. For man to know Life as it is, namely God, the eternal good, gives him not merely a sense of existence, but an accompanying consciousness of spiritual power that subordinates matter and destroys sin, disease, and death. This Jesus demonstrated. (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 189.)

Mrs. Eddy bid us:

Keep in Mind the foundations of Christian Science—one God and one Christ. (Miscellany, p. 191.)

After more than thirty years of opportunity to assimilate and

prove Mrs. Eddy's teaching, viz., that "There is no Life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter," since God is Spirit, eternal Life and Love, the only creator, and that all that he creates is real,—his own image and likeness,—accepting the teaching which Christ Jesus gave to the world and demonstrated, it seems incredible that his disciples, or the followers of Mrs. Eddy can be found believing in and perpetuating the false claim of material birth, growth, decay, and death. They seem not yet to understand that it is a belief of material "birth" that fulfills the conditions of fleshly belief and disappears in what mortals call "death."

As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (I. Corinthians xv., 22.)

The mesmeric, hypnotic condition of the so-called carnal mind has deceived the whole world with its claim of life in matter, and some, who are earnestly striving to follow the teaching of Christ Jesus and our God-inspired Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, have not yet spiritualized their thought sufficiently to apprehend the spiritual facts of scientific being. These earnest seekers for Truth have not yet heard the voice of the ever-present Christ:

Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. (Mark xiv., 5, 6.)

All true Christian Scientists are striving to attain the Mind of Christ, and follow and obey their beloved and revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and they will eventually, through suffering out of the fleshly dream of life in matter, in obedience to the law of Life and Love, emerge from the material senses and begin to build on a "wholly spiritual foundation."

Eleven years ago our revered Leader rose beyond the mental capacity of any of her students to continue to visualize, or objectify her; but her advanced students knew that she had not died. They refused to be separated from her spiritual individuality, and they continued to rise mentally with her in her ascending thought. Two years before this she had published in the Journal a letter to her "dear brethren in New York," from which I quote:

When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher, they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, for which there is no other.

Spirit is infinite; the... Spirit is all. "There is no matter" is not only the axiom of true Christian Science, but it is the only basis upon which this Science can be demonstrated. (Christian Science Journal, vol. xxvi., p. 696.)

I, with my students, replied to her that we desired to "build higher" and upon a "wholly spiritual foundation," viz.: "Spirit is infinite; therefore Spirit is all. There is no matter," and that we believed we were ready to begin our higher demonstration of the potency of spiritual thought-force, to break the dream of sin, sickness and death, the product of the carnal mind. Two years after this our Leader passed through the "valley and shadow" called death. Having attained to a degree of spiritual power, she dissolved (with spiritual sense) the human concept of a fleshly image, or body, and was no longer physically visible to her students. But again I repeat that some of her students knew that she had not died, that she was leading them to higher proofs of her teaching and to an understanding of the Master's words, "Lo, I am with you always."

Material organization, which, Mrs. Eddy tells us, "is requisite only in the earliest periods in Christian history," must finally be outgrown and abandoned. In Retrospection and Introspection, page 45, she declares:

After this material form of cohesion and fellowship has accomplished its end, continued organization retards spiritual growth, and should be laid off. ... Humanity must emerge from the Adam-Eve dream and awake to their oneness with their creator, our Father, who lovingly cares for every child of His creating.

As I have stated, our Leader rose beyond the mental ability of any of her students to visualize her, and in that hour those who retained a material sense of her, carried out the ceremony of the materialists and buried their material concept of the Leader in a grave. At that time, I was interviewed in regard to this experience in the history of Christian Scientists, and if you will consult one of my books, Reminiscences, Sermons and Correspondence, beginning at page 1014, you will there find my replies to the questions of an interviewer.

He inquired, "What are Mrs. Eddy's views in regard to death?"

My answer was, "She instructs her followers to overcome the belief of life in matter, with its sin, sickness, and death, by gaining the Mind of Christ. In her textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and in her other writings, she continues to teach that 'there is no death,' that 'all is Mind,' 'there is no matter.' She declares that there is no substance, nor intelligence in mortal thought, so-called, nor in its manifestation, mortal man and the material universe. In Unity of Good, page 38, she avers:

It is unchristian to believe in the transient called material death, since matter has no life.

Therefore Christian Scientists must not continue to commemorate material birth and death; and if they strive to emulate the life of Christ and are loyal to the teachings of our revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, divine Love will enlighten them, as they emerge from a material sense of God, man, and the universe, to the spiritual apprehension of eternal Life and Love, the source and supply of their being. Mrs. Eddy says:

The master Metaphysician, Jesus the Christ, endured the death of the false material senses, or the physical crucifixion inflicted by the carnally minded, who placed him in a tomb and sealed the tomb with a stone, vainly attempting to destroy him. His story records his demonstration of his teaching. He rolled back the stone and walked forth, triumphant over the so-called carnal mind, and won a sublime victory over the illusion called death.

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By loyalty in students I mean this,—allegiance to God, subordination of the human to the divine, steadfast justice, and strict adherence to divine Truth and Love. (Retrospection and Introspection, p. 50.)

All Christians, weary of the fruitlessness of the search for eternal Life and unity with our Father-Mother God, are looking, longing, and praying for a cessation, through Christ, Truth, of the ills to which flesh is heir and for the passing away of the "former things" (thoughts) which produced sickness and death. The divine metaphysician, or true Christian Scientist, comprehends (though spiritual sense) the words of Mrs. Eddy:

The foam and fury of illegitimate living and of fearful and doleful dying should disappear on the shore of time; then the waves of sin, sorrow, and death beat in vain. (Science and Health, p. 203.)

Genuine Christian Scientists do not commemorate "illegitimate living and... fearful and doleful dying," and through their faithful adherence to Truth, the phenomena of the carnal mind are fast disappearing "on the shore of time." Christian Scientists will not continue to regard, as real, the embodiment of sin, the fleshly man, which Christ Jesus refused to acknowledge as God's man and whom he condemned. Of this Adam-Eve generation, he said:

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it. (John viii., 44.)

As universal consciousness is leavened by the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, the false mentality, or carnal thought, which expresses itself in material birth and death, will finally be destroyed. Mary Baker Eddy caught the lost chord of Christ, swept her

hand over human heart-strings, and rose to higher spiritual possibilities. She lives, is here, and continues to attune, to the anthem of eternal Life, all who are ready to accept and who endeavor to demonstrate her teaching. Let me quote my authority for this statement, from page 297 of Miscellany, by Mary Baker Eddy:

THERE IS NO DEATH

A suppositional gust of evil in this evil world is the dark hour that precedes the dawn. This gust blows away the baubles of belief, for there is in reality no evil, no disease, no death; and the Christian Scientist who believes that he dies, gains a rich blessing of disbelief in death, and a higher realization of heaven.

My beloved Edward A. Kimball, whose clear, correct teaching of Christian Science has been and is an inspiration to the whole field, is here now as veritably as when he visited me a year ago. If we would awake to this recognition, we should see him here and realize that he never died; thus demonstrating the fundamental truth of Christian Science.

To-day history is repeating itself. Upon Jesus' reappearance, he found his dull disciples discussing his death. In the walk to Emmaus they failed to recognize him, until his spiritual presence touched a responsive chord. Then they recognized their Master and Teacher.

And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way and while he opened to us the scriptures? (Luke xxiv., 32.)

Let Christian Scientists study the words and works of Mrs. Eddy, until her spiritual presence causes their hearts to burn within them, and "o'er earth's troubled, angry sea" they "see Christ walk," and come to them, and "tenderly, lovingly talk." (Poems by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 12.)

Christ Jesus' disciples believed that he had died. Had they gained the spiritual apprehension of his teaching, they would have understood that in leaving them, he was making a demonstration over the carnal mind, or universal evil, and would prove that there is no reality in death. "Let men think they had killed the body," says our Leader. "Afterward he would show it to them unchanged." (Science and Health, p. 42.) This he did, and his followers must accept his teaching, follow his example, and finally, here or hereafter, make the demonstration of eternal Life. This will enable them to say, with understanding, as did our Master, "I and my Father are one," but "my Father is greater than I." (John x., 30; xiv., 28.) Mrs. Eddy declares:

The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man is, not shall be, perfect and immortal. (Science and Health, p. 428.)

Mrs. Eddy's teaching is forever established in the hearts of her true followers, who come forth en masse when the enemy of good attempts to trail its standard in the dust, by operating through those who are earnestly striving to follow and obey the teaching of Christ Jesus and their great Leader, Mrs. Eddy, but who have not yet attained to a spiritual concept of Christian Science. Divine Love will finally illumine the path of every loyal disciple of Christ.

To-day the world is aroused to choose between the Christ-mind and the so-called carnal mind. Humanity desires the reward of spiritual thinking, and spiritual living, which results in health and happiness but all are not ready to make the sacrifice to attain it. Only the bravely brave, the dauntless Christian, will work to overcome material self and the carnal thoughts that compose a material universe, which begins in material birth and ends in the phenomenon called death. Heaven is a condition of mind, the heritage of the spiritually minded. What mortals regard as "hell" is the result of envy, jealousy, fear, avarice, greed, malice, revenge, lust, hypocrisy, personal ambition, pride of place and power, and the human will, which opposes the will of God. A wide mental gulf separates these two conditions of mind,—heaven and hell.

Having proved the power of the Christ-mind, in my own experience of over thirty years, I rejoice to defend the potency of

spiritual thought-force, as taught by Christ Jesus, and in this age by our revered Leader, Mrs. Eddy. Perfect health, strength which must emanate from the source of all strength, omniscient Life and Love—since it seems inexhaustible—and a joy, peace, and love for God and every idea, or child of His creating, thus verifying the Scripture, "The fruit of the Spirit is Love, joy" and "the peace which passeth all understanding."—This has been my exceeding great reward for having striven to attain the Mind of Christ, to follow and obey the teaching of Christ Jesus and my beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and to fulfill the law of Love. With the Psalmist, I exclaim:

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. (Psalm cxviii., 14, 17.)

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. (Psalm cxli., 2.)

Clad in this spiritual armor, trusting the dynamic power of immutable, invincible Truth and Love, to envelop and protect me, I shall continue to cross mental swords with the enemy of good, the so-called carnal mind, which testifies of material "birth" and "death," until victory crowns my efforts and I awake in the "image" and "likeness" of God. (Genesis i., 26.) Spiritual generation is already revealed as the eternal verity of being, and is spiritually apprehended, as God and His infinite ideas, or children, forever held in the bonds of Life and Love.

In fulfillment of the divine statute, Truth has pronounced sentence upon evil, the lie, "which deceiveth the whole world," and Christ, at his second coming, which is imminent, will fulfill the Scripture as the executor of the law of God:

and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah ix., 6.)

It is my sacred duty to God, to my Leader, and to every seeker for the Truth of being, to continue to wield the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and defend the Cause of Christian Science from this final effort of the enemy of good, or the opponent of Truth, to deceive those who are striving to assimilate, understand, and demonstrate the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, but who have not yet attained to spiritual understanding. They have the letter of Christian Science, and if they strive to possess the Spirit, the Mind of Christ, they will finally prove that

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing. (John vi., 63.)

As of old, the dragon attempted to devour the child of the woman,—the spiritual idea, or divine Science, to which Mrs. Eddy gave birth. Christ's Christianity, or Christian Science, will never again be "lost as aforetime." Our "redemption draweth nigh."

Genuine Christian Scientists know that their "Redeemer liveth" (Job xix., 25), and that their "lives are hid with Christ in God" (Colossians iii., 3), therefore that they are immortal. Our great Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, will prove her words, "Life is real, and death is the illusion." (Science and Health, p. 428.) She has met, as did her Master, the false claim of death, and she will demonstrate over this claim, as did our Way-shower to eternal Life. I repeat, what was possible for Christ Jesus, he declared was possible for his disciples. All Christendom admits this. Mrs. Eddy's students, who have attained to spiritual understanding, are looking for the demonstration of their Leader. Again I affirm, what was possible for Christ Jesus, the masculine representative of the fatherhood of God, is possible for Mary Baker Eddy, the feminine representative of the motherhood of God; and for anyone to deny her the ability to demonstrate Christ's teaching, which she promulgates in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures and her other writings, is evidence of the so-called carnal mind, which has always resisted the law of God, eternal Life. Jesus said:

The works that I do shall he [ye] do also; and greater works than these shall he [ye] do. (John xiv., 12.)

If we are never to demonstrate his teaching—the victory of Life over the illusion of death—why call ourselves Christians? Christian Scientists are now called upon to prove their understanding of Christian Science and to be classified as "tares" or "wheat," or "sheep" or "goats," or "wise" or "foolish virgins." If anyone makes a statement which contradicts the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, either you believe their statements, or you repudiate them,

and accept the argument of the materialists.

Let God be true, but every [mortal] man a liar. (Romans iii., 4.)

I credit our wise Leader with the understanding of Truth, and I await her demonstration of spiritual power over the false claim called death. I never, for one moment, doubt her ability and spiritual might to overcome the "last enemy," and reappear in the image and likeness of God, and I shall be "satisfied" only when I awake in His likeness.

I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness. (Psalms xvii., 15.)

The contention for immortality between the students of Mrs. Eddy, who have been building on a spiritual foundation, and those students who continue to adhere to and obey the material senses, is apparent. They have written their problem upon the world's blackboard, while progress, the law of the Infinite, has enabled thousands to keep abreast with Truth and distinguish the genuine Christian Scientist from the materialist, who continues to perpetuate the dream of life in matter. Humanity is awakening to condemn this, as the reversal of the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy.

The true Christian Scientists are striving to spiritualize thought, that they may visualize their great Leader and Teacher, when she reappears, as did Jesus, in confirmation of her acceptance and promulgation of the teaching of the Galilean prophet, viz., that man is an emanation of God, eternal Life and Love, and is therefore immortal, reflecting his creator, infinite Mind, or Spirit. Let me quote Mrs. Eddy's words:

The continual contemplation of existence as material and corporeal—as beginning and ending with birth, decay, and dissolution as its component stages—hides the true and spiritual Life, and causes our standard to trail in the dust. (Science and Health, p. 550.)

Birth and death belong to the Adam-Eve generation, which conceives in sin and brings forth sorrow and death. Paul says:

To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (Romans viii., 6.)

Mrs. Eddy bids her students:

Abide in Truth, in fellowship with and obedience to The Mother Church, and in this way God will bless and prosper you. This I know, for He has proved it to me for forty years in succession. (Miscellany, p. 360.)

Mrs. Eddy defines "Church" as "The structure of Truth and Love," not a material organization, but a state of spiritual consciousness. Christian Scientists understand this to mean, abide in spiritual, conscious oneness with God and His Christ.

I note to-day in the columns of THE NEW YORK HERALD these headlines:

TO HONOR 7,264 DEAD IN HOBOKEN SERVICE

Alas for poor humanity! Their insistence upon death as a reality and their refusal to accept the scientific fact of being, viz., that man is God's "image" and "likeness," spiritual and not material, the emanation of his Father-Mother Life and Love,—this insistence upon the reality of the fleshly embodiment, as the dear departed, saviors of pagan philosophy, blind idolatry, and an absolute ignorance of God, the creative Principle of being, and Christ, or the body of Truth and Love, God, which is composed of infinite ideas, or members, and whose existence is the reflection of an eternal, creative Principle called "Our Father, which art in heaven." The time will come when these memorial services will be discontinued, and the presence of the loved ones will be admitted and revealed.

At times, moved by divine Love and tender sympathy for the sinner and grief-stricken mourner, and long to arouse humanity from its dream of life in matter, which terminates in suffering and so-called death,—I cry out as did our Master:

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. (Matthew xxiii., 37.)

But I rejoice to note that the Christly element is fast developing in humanity, and thousands who have not yet accepted Christian Science are responding to our Leader's statement that "Life is real, and death is the illusion." (Science and Health, p. 428.) Let all deny the evidence of the material senses, when called upon to part with loved ones, and wait patiently for spiritual sense to reveal to them the real, perfect eternal child of God's creating.

The author of the following poem discerned the unreality of death, and wrote:

Beside the dead I knelt for prayer, And felt a presence, as I prayed. Lo! it was Jesus standing there; He smiled, "Be not afraid." "Lord, Thou hast conquered death, we know. Restore again to life," I said, "This one who died an hour ago." He smiled, "She is not dead." "Asleep then, as thou didst say. Yet thou canst lift the lids that keep Her prisoned eyes from ours away." He smiled, "She doth not sleep!" "Yet our beloved seems so far, The while we yearn to feel them near; Albeit with thee we trust they are." He smiled, "And I am here."

"Dear Lord, how shall we know that they Still walk unseen with us, and thee? Nor sleep, nor wander far away?" He smiled, "Abide in me." (Raymond.)

Again Mrs. Eddy's words come to me, and they will bear repeating:

Abide in Truth, in fellowship with and obedience to The Mother Church, and in this way God will bless and prosper you. (Miscellany, p. 360.)

The Mother Church is "The structure of Truth and Love" (Science and Health, p. 583), and Christian Scientists abide in that state of spiritual consciousness, where they walk and talk with Christ, while he imparts to them an understanding of their oneness with the Father, in fulfillment of his promise:

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew xxviii., 20.)

... As Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us. (John xvii., 21.)

Another states the Truth of man's eternal selfhood, and would comfort the mourner. He writes of those who have passed from our vision:

They have not died; They live and breathe with you, They walk here at your side.

And then he asks, Why dream of popped sod, When flower, and Soul, and God Know there is no death?

There is one Life, no more; No dying and no tomb. Why seek ye them above,— Those that ye love so dear? The all of God is Love, The all of God is here.

And he assures the sorrowing, They have not died, Their hands clasp yours and mine; They are but glorified.

They have not died; They live, they know, they see; They shout with every breath, "All is eternal Life, There is no death! All is eternal Life!"

Gordon Johnston.

Mrs. Eddy is mentally active in our midst, solving the problem of scientific being, rising to spiritual dominion and demonstration, as did Christ Jesus, over the illusion of death and the grave. Her students are arising and calling her blessed. They are defending and demonstrating her teaching. Her Church, the "structure of Truth and Love," not a material edifice, which is but the symbol, is built upon the Rock, Christ, and "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Jesus was crucified for his efforts to waken the world from the belief in sin, sickness, and death. Mrs. Eddy, in her endeavors to arouse humanity to awake and come forth from the bondage of material birth and death, antagonized the carnal mind. It was a mental battle that Jesus waged and in which he triumphed. It is a mental battle between hate and love, evil and good, death and life, the carnally minded and the spiritually minded, which Mrs. Eddy is encountering, and she will triumph. "Troublesome Truth" has the field and will uncover and overturn all that opposes eternal Life. The divine man, the compound idea, reflecting the fatherhood and motherhood of God, which constitutes the spiritual universe, will be revealed as the only man and the only universe, reflecting infinite, creative Spirit, God, eternal Life, Truth, and Love. This is the Science of being, as taught by Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy.

The time is approaching when the "foolish virgins" will ask of the "wise virgins," "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." And the "wise virgins," they who have kept their lamps filled with oil, will reply, "Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves." (Matthew xxv., 8, 9.)

The midnight hour is at hand. Christ's imminence is unmistakable. His voice is heard by the faithful, saying:

The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. (Luke xii., 40.)

Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh. Lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. (Mark xiii., 35-37.)

Sincerely yours,
AUGUSTA E. STETSON.